

(b) The quantity of wheat procured during the period 17th March, 1997 to 31st March, 1997 was Nil.

(c) The figures of procurement of wheat in the current marketing season (upto 2.5.97) and the corresponding figures of 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 are given below:

(in lakh tonnes)			
1997-98	1996-97	1995-96	1994-95
20.29	47.06	38.75	53.07

(d) The farmers have so far sold a total quantity of Rs. 20.29 lakh tonnes of wheat to the procuring agencies all over the country, of which the procurement in Punjab and Haryana is 14.33 lakh tonnes and 5.11 lakh tonnes respectively.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) and (g) Do not arise.

Production Rate of Rapeseed Mustard

4755. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA:

SHRI SURENDRA YADAV :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of rapeseed mustard seed in the country is less in comparison to the average production rate of the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Union Government have ascertained the maximum production rate in the world; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The production rate of Rapeseed-Mustard in the country was 950 kgs. per ha. as compared to the average production rate of 1408 kgs. per ha. in the world during the year 1995.

(c) and (d) As per the figures given by the F.A.O. in their publication entitled 'Production Year Book 1995' maximum productivity of Rapeseed-Mustard was 11111 Kgs. per ha. in Mexico followed by 6188. kgs. per ha. in Algeria during 1995, whereas the productivity in India (Haryana) was 1386 kgs. per ha. during the same period.

Sealing of Border

4756. DR. RAM VILAS VEDANTI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has sent

any proposal to the Union Government for sealing its borders adjoining Nepal;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Union Government on the proposal; and

(c) the extent of success achieved towards checking infiltration of the foreigners and smuggling activities therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) No Sir, However a proposal for strengthening of Policing and development of border areas under Border Area Development Programme has been sent by Uttar Pradesh Government to Planning Commission under intimation of this Ministry.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise

Special Task Force

4757. SHRI BRAHAMANAND MANDAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a special task force in Delhi Police;

(b) if so, the objectives of the force;

(c) whether the Government are aware of the misdeeds of the personnel of this task force;

(d) if so, whether the Government have made any arrangement to keep any eye on the deeds of the task force;

(e) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to news item captioned "Puliswalon Ne Ek Ko Loota Aur Thana Adhyaksh Per Pistol Tan Di" appearing in 'Rastriya Sahara' dated April 4, 1997; and

(f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The objectives of the force are to investigate, specially, the crimes related to encroachment, on and/or illegal disposal of public land; forcible dispossession of occupants from properties and the collusion and corrupt practices of public officials in this regard, and such other major criminal cases as may be assigned to it.

(c) and (d) No incident of misdeeds by the personnel of this Special Task Force has been noticed.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. However the police officials allegedly involved in the incident were not posted in the aforesaid Special Task Force. Both the policemen concerned have since been arrested and dismissed from service.

Import of Wheat and Rice

4758. SHRI SURENDRA YADAV :
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had imported wheat and rice in 1996-97 in order to meet the requirement of food-grains in the country;

(b) if so, the total quantity of wheat and rice imported from various countries upto April, 1997;

(c) the quantity of wheat and rice reached India upto April, 1997 in this import process;

(d) the quantity of wheat and rice for which agreement had been signed for the future import, country-wise; and

(e) the money paid/to be paid for importing wheat to each country?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) :

(a) Government have imported only wheat during 1996-97.

(b) and (c) Against the 16.75 lakh tonnes of wheat contracted for import from Australia, Canada and Argentina, a quantity of 14.43 lakh tonnes has arrived at Indian Ports upto 30th April, 1997.

(d) The State Trading Corporation of India has contracted for import of an additional quantity of 10 lakh tonnes of wheat from Australia during 1997-98 with shipment schedule from July to December, 1997.

(e) The quantity of wheat contracted for import from each country together with the rate at which contracted are given below :

Country	Quantity (in lakh MT)	Date of contract	Rate in US\$ PMT
Australia	10.00	10.12.96	148.00 FOB
Canada	2.50	11.12.96	152.50 FOB
Australia	1.25	31.01.97	156.00 FOB
Argentina	1.00	04.02.97	173.00 C&F
Australia	2.00	14.02.97	156.00 FOB
Australia	2.50	26.03.97	155.00 FOB
	7.50	26.03.97	154.25 FOB

[English]

Disabled Persons

4759. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Joint Action Committee for the Rights of the Disabled has expressed disappointment regarding the budget allocations for the disabled and submitted a memorandum to the Government to this effect;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Joint Action Committee for memorandum dated 5.3.1997 have demanded, *inter alia*, the allocation for the Handicapped Welfare Division of the Welfare Ministry and the National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation must be increased to Rs. 100 crore and Rs. 200 crore respectively for the year 1997-98 and appropriate allocations may be made in other key Ministries also. An allocation of at least Rs. 100 crore has also been demanded under Rail Budget for the year 1997-98.

(c) After vigorous persuasion with the Planning Commission, the allocation proposed for the Handicapped Welfare Division of the Welfare Ministry has been increased to Rs. 107.04 crores (Plan) during 1997-98 which includes Rs. 28.00 crore for the National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation. Other Ministries have also been requested to make appropriate provision in their budgetary allocations.

Conservation of Mijuli Island

4760. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a proposal for Eco-Stabilisation and conservation of Mijuli Island in Assam was received by the Government for inclusion in the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the amount earmarked during the Ninth Plan including allocation during current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) No proposal for Eco-Stabilisation and conservation of Mijuli Island in Assam for inclusion in the Ninth Five Year Plan has been received in this Ministry.

(b) Question does not arise.